## Certificate of Mailing 37 CFR 1.8a

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper or item referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: BOX RCE; Commissioner for Patents; Patent And Trademark Office; Washington, D.C.

January 24, 2003

2730R-01

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Scharf et al

Serial No: 08/888,462

Filed: July 7, 1997

For: LUBRICATING COMPOSITIONS Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: E. McAvoy

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**BOX RCE** Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application. Prior to Examination of the claims in the RCE application, Applicants request entry of the following Amendment.